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A good-looking fellow who later introduced himself as Dean Hauseman came out on the dock carrying what appeared to be a lift sheave and said he would like to tell us about his new ski lift. After telling him that it was too hot to think about skiing and that he might better have a swim, he put down his sheave and joined us.

Later he showed us pictures of the "Platter-Pull"; it is very similar to a lift widely used in Europe known as the Trainer lift. It is lightly constructed and more recent reports indicate that it will be seen in use this year. If proven satisfactory, you will probably be hearing a lot about Hauseman, his mother and Swiss Gus Gnehm, who make up the corporation which is manufacturing it in Bozeman, Montana.

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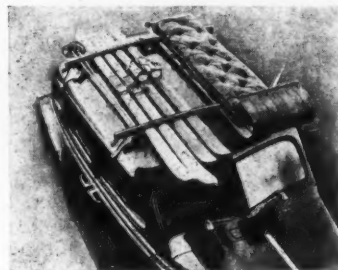
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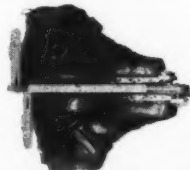
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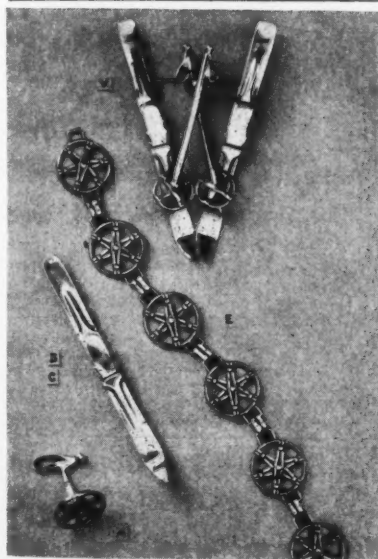
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R. E. CHAPPELL

Williamstown, Mass.

There are more arguments about waxing and lacquering procedures than there are at a Dodger ball game. Reader Chappell wants to put lacquer on to protect his "Temporit" bottoms, which were put on to protect the wood. This is quite all right, and may prolong the life of the skis. — Ed.

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EUGENE E. SHANNON

Dorchester, Mass.

Economics

. . . The devaluation of the pound has been a sad blow to many of us hoping to go abroad, as everything (or nearly) is about twice as expensive. As I told you, I had hoped very much to be able to come out to the U. S. for the FIS this winter. But devaluation has just about made it impossible, as the exchange is now so bad from our point of view. Also, what makes it hard is that whereas in Switzerland we will be put up free for most of the winter, we would naturally have to pay in the U. S. So it looks as though the British team, much against its will, will not be competing in the FIS.

SHEENA MACKINTOSH

Rusper, England

Sheena Mackintosh, a member of a famous English skiing family, was on the British Women's Olympic Team in 1948. — Ed.

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Suggestions

I like your magazine very much and enjoy every word in it. As a suggestion, I would like to see at least one article a month on proper care of equipment, storage, etc., besides articles on first aid, strengthening of one's ankles, legs, wind and general conditioning exercises.

JOHN L. THOMAS, JR.
San Diego, Calif.

Thanks for suggestions. Article on conditioning exercises was in November 1 issue. — Ed.

Cut It Out . . .

Congratulations on the first issue of **SKI MAGAZINE**! It certainly gives us ski-mad white-collar workers a thrill to start thinking about skiing in November.

One suggestion, however: Let's have less of this fashion stuff. . . . Let people think for themselves.

ROBERT BRAMHALL
New York City

Pour It On . . .

. . . The first issue was terrific. Especially good was the fashion page and the write-up. In the midst of race stories, fictional stories, profiles and so on, don't forget to keep us up-to-date on the latest in fashions.

LOUISE MINOT
New York City

The editors of **SKI MAGAZINE** feel that since Mr. Bramhall and Miss Minot live in the same city they should meet and hash this whole thing out among themselves. We feel slightly like a slice of ham between two pieces of rye. Thanks to you both, however, for your interest and encouragement. — Ed.



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MAURY DASHEVSKY
Springfield, Mass.

When Ski Magazine was asked to supply the wedding cake decorations for the summer wedding of Eleanor and Maury, a real challenge was presented. We have answered several requests, but this one took the cake. Glad the wooden skiers were a success. — ED.



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Safe Racing

With some forty years of skiing experience behind me I wish to congratulate you on your article in November SKI MAGAZINE "Reno Moves to Make Skiing Safer" and heartily endorse the Giant Slalom idea of the Reno Ski Club. The time has come when something must be done to stop the terrible toll of accidents happening in downhill racing, and the idea proposed in your article would seem to be a solution. I shall bring it before the Executive of the Canadian Amateur Ski Association at once.

H. P. DOUGLAS

Montreal, Canada

Mr. Douglas is founder of the Canadian Amateur Ski Association. — ED.



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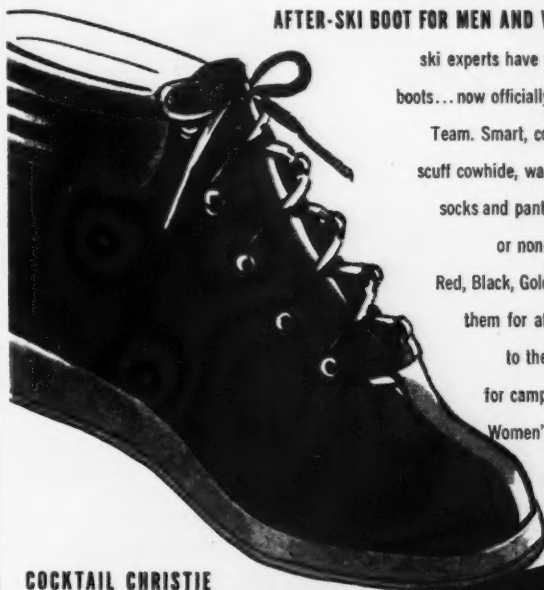
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It was then that Alice Kaier engaged me to train the American Ladies' Team, which I did until 1939. In those days my problems were much greater than they will be in 1950, for the girls in 1936 had first to learn to ski and then to learn to race. Notwithstanding, they compiled an impressive record and the names of Marion McKean, Betty Woolsey and Clarita Heath are found well up in the results of the big international races in Europe of those years.

In 13 years American technique has progressed to such a degree that already I regard our Ladies' Team of 1950 as a first class group of competitors of international calibre.

I look forward to associating again

By FRIEDL PFEIFER

with Alice Kaier, the person beyond all odds who has done most over the years for American ladies' skiing. I am also pleased that Marion McKean, now Mrs. Wigglesworth, will be Ladies' Team Manager. In my estimation she is the greatest lady skier America has produced, and her experience in international competition will be most valuable to us all.

Tough Competition

The ladies' field at the races in Aspen this winter will be no less impressive than that at the Olympics in Chamonix. Jacqueline Martel of France won the Arlberg Kandahar last winter, and Lucienne Schmidt-Couttet is North American and Harriman Cup titleholder. Celina Seghi of Italy is perhaps the world's leading lady slalom runner, and Erika Mahringer of Austria has more experience than any of the American girls.

Bearing in mind that there will be this very tough European competition, I still think that an American girl has as good a chance as anyone to win the FIS.

Old in Experience

Andy Mead of Vermont, our current National Champion, is old in experience though young in years. She holds one of the coveted AK badges from the Arlberg Kandahar and has already beaten many of the European lady racers. Paula Kann, of North Conway, New Hampshire, Brynhild Grasmoen of Madera, California, and Dodie Post of Reno, Nevada, are all ex-Olympians, an experience of great value. The other girls, though short on experience are all capable of coming through and surprising the world as did Jackie Reddish when he beat the Austrian team on their home ground at St. Anton to win the Hannes Schneider Cup Downhill after the Olympics.

A detailed black and white map of the State Lodge Skiing Area. The map shows various ski runs, including 'NORTH SLOPE', 'GULCH', 'SLALOM GLADE', and 'T-SAR LET'. It also indicates the 'OCTAGON' peak at 9,600 ft. and the 'STATE LODGE' building. Roads like 'ROUTE 100' and 'TOLL ROAD' are marked, along with other features like 'STONE STANDARDS' and 'MIDWAY'.

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letters from U. S. clubs asking about instructors. Sepp, with the acumen he has shown all his life, at once realized the possibilities that were offered by skiing in the United States.

"There were six hundred certified ski instructors in Austria," Sepp explains. "Over here skiing was just starting. Sure, I was doing all right in Austria with my ski shop and my teaching, but I thought of what I could do here. Besides, I wanted to see skiing spread; I wanted to help Americans share the delights of skiing which I had enjoyed for twenty years."

Sepp wrote to ninety clubs in the United States and received several encouraging answers. The one that caught his fancy, however, was from the Mt. Mansfield Ski Club.

First Mistake

Sepp arrived in New York December 10, 1936, bundled up in several sweaters and ski clothes. At this point he made one of the few mistakes of his life—he plunged into the subway. "Pooh, it was hot!" says Sepp.

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First Love

Sepp's first love was, and still is, the Sepp Ruschp Ski School. For the first three years he imported Austrian instructors, but he gradually replaced these with Americans whom he himself had trained—men such as Lionel Hayes and Howard Moody.

The school is now one of the best known in America, and Sepp is very proud of it. His myriad activities do not prevent him from keeping a weather eye on his pet school.

The biggest headache at Stowe has been the lack of uphill facilities. For some time there was only a rope tow on the slope adjacent to the Toll House.

The area came of age in 1940 when
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SEPP RUSCHP LEADS THE WAY DOWN THE TOLL ROAD

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Skiing On A Shoe String

Lonely Dog Cuts Short Hamburg Safari To Sun Valley

Bernie White, Cy White and I, all of us ski-bums, were sitting sipping in the Purple Cow, Manchester, Vermont, bemoaning the rather unpleasant fact that the year was drawing to a close. (Our year includes only the months from October to March.)

"Look, chums," Bernie said (or maybe it was Cy — anyway it was a White), "why don't we take off for a little western skiing before the silly spring begins?"

Except for the money necessary it was a wonderful proposal. I already owed the office boy two dollars and sixty cents and three pieces of bubble gum. Bernie and Cy must have been in no better financial shape, for they

By ADRIAN WHYTE

were dining evenings at Nedick's.

"Oh don't worry about money," Bernie said, "we'll ski-bum it. We can always eat our boots if things get rough."

Over our ten-cent beers we discussed the transportation problem. Cy suggested hitch-hiking, but we overruled that. Might look a bit silly crossing the desert. Not exactly a sound idea anyway.

Just when we'd rejected the last suggested method of transportation, our good friend Digman Jensen walked in. We hadn't really appreciated his friendship until then, but

it suddenly occurred to us that Digman was the proud owner of a brand new car. Good old Digman! Also he was a ready-Freddy (to go skiing) anytime, anywhere. After a few pleasant glasses of amber fluid, which we graciously paid for, he was convinced he was lucky we were letting him come along.

The next few days we stole and borrowed what money we could. We hadn't time to check resort prices before leaving but assumed they would be monstrous in comparison to our wallets. With this thought dimly in the back of our minds we had packed four sleeping bags and two nylon mountain tents in the trunk of the car. We were hoping to save room rent by camping out in the gypsy areas around the resorts.

We purchased cold cuts, rat cheese (it tasted that way), bread and beer for the meals enroute. We didn't intend stopping until we reached our destination.

Two days later, falling on our faces from hunger and excitement, we arrived in Aspen, Colorado. We removed the folding money from our shoes and decided to have a first class steak dinner from corn-fed western stock. There wasn't a restaurant open in town. And it was only ten-thirty.

Party Town

We must have been shot with luck for we ran into some friends from the East who were giving a party in their cabin. Great little party town is Aspen, and our friends didn't have to do any arm-twisting to get us along for dinner. We had a wonderful meal of bacon and eggs and enjoyed it more than we would have enjoyed a steak. (Of course we *were* hungry.) It wasn't necessary after dinner to use the Lugers to force the hot wine on us. "Glug," I think it's called. Well no matter, it was "ugh" the next morning and I couldn't get a ski cap to fit.

I vaguely remember asking where we could park our tents and hearing someone say sleeping out was a silly idea when we could get a room at the Prince Albert for seventy-five cents a

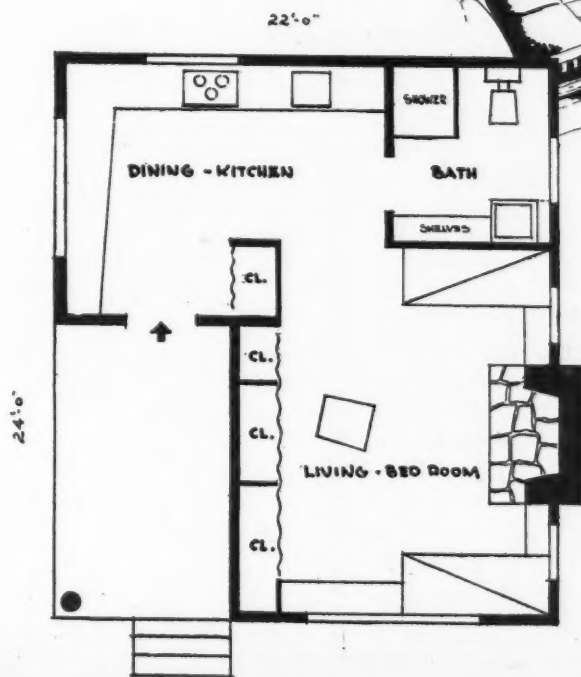
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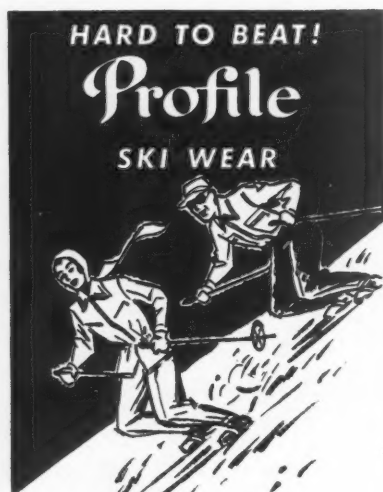
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David and Joan Landman, freelance writing team, have compiled resort information to write *Where to Ski*.

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However, your letter woke me up from my summer sleep; so much so, in fact, that a couple of weeks later I sat down and wrote an article on American skiing which I mostly translated from SKI MAGAZINE. I got my fee for it, and so if we make it 50-50 I owe you about two bucks, payable as soon as you can drop in.

To answer several points in your letter, it is true we were the best Middle-Europeans before the war. Sure! But then Mr. Hitler came and stole our skis. He needed them in Russia. At that time, if there was somebody here who was in the mood to take the risk and get into a train with his pair of skis, he had to pack them into a

carpet, or camouflage them like a Christmas tree. Czech skiers had a hard time, and I remember I had to keep three pairs of skis in three different ski areas. I could travel more freely that way.

Since 1945 we have been working again, but the preceding years had done too much harm. We are trying to bring our skiing to the old degree of popularity, but it will be some time before we can overcome all the stumbling blocks.

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Maybe you won't believe it, but I became a respectable person for the fact that I got two issues of SKI MAGAZINE and receive letters from you now and then. It gives me more publicity than the murder of my own grandma — if I had one — and everyone thinks me a great expert on American skiing.

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How Should Novice Choose Ski Boots?

By H. P. HENRY

The most important single item in any skier's equipment is a pair of boots. Skis and poles can often be rented but it is rarely possible to rent boots. This, combined with the fact that skis or poles are rarely uncomfortable for long periods, while boots can be, and often are, extremely painful for the entire day, makes comfortable boots an essential for the enjoyment of a day's skiing. Even for the absolute beginner, close-fitting boots are most desirable.

What constitutes comfortable, well-fitting boots and what is the best type to buy? These are sixty-four dollar questions and a lot of experts often secretly wish they knew the answers at the beginning of the season themselves. First, let us shatter one fairly popular illusion. The best boots are not necessarily the most expensive.

Stiff Leather

In the first place, the cheaper boot may be made on a last which more nearly approximates the shape of the user's foot.

Secondly, expensive boots are usually made of stiff leather and are very rigid and heavy. This stiffness makes them even more painful and clumsy on feet not accustomed to the weight of boots or to the pressure of stiff leather around the ankles. A novice is unlikely in the first season or two to give a pair of boots such a beating that they fall to pieces. These points are especially important for women to remember.

Thirdly, even if a novice is told what to look for in buying a pair of ski boots, how can he judge the finer points of fit when he has never had a pair on his feet before in his life? It would thus seem more logical to buy cheaper boots for the first season or two until he is able to judge how a boot should feel.

Assuming the same fit, the main difference between expensive and cheap ski boots is the length of time for which they will give satisfactory service before they become sloppy and soft. A lot of expensive boots are equipped with useless gadgets, such as the toe-pinching leather flaps which nobody ever laces but which have to be paid for. So, if you are a novice, the best boots to look at are those in the

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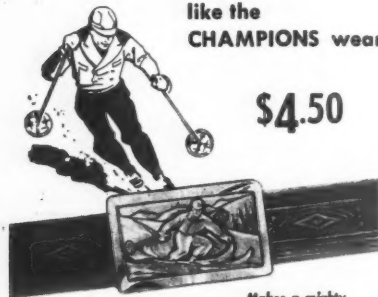
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Aspen officials expect the little mountain village to bulge at the seams, but every effort is being made by the Aspen FIS Housing Office to find roofs to cover the heads of skiers and spectators, not only in the village itself, but all the way to Glenwood Springs, 40 miles away.

If the expected huge crowds materialize, Aspen will recapture some of the color it had as a rip-roaring silver town, many years ago. Ghosts of the old, bearded silver prospectors should get more thrills than they have had since the turn of the century, according to ski officials at the resort.

Ol' Man Weather Divulges Secrets

Scientists of the General Electric Research Laboratory at Schenectady, have some answers ready for skiers who want to know what caused the peculiar weather in the U. S. last winter, when it was warm in the northeast and cold and snowy in the west.

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When Harvey Clifford, Banff instructor, returned from Switzerland in the spring of 1948 he went to Mount Tremblant for a few days to visit his brother, John.

There he met Reidar Anderson and the two of them set out to find John, who, they were told, was working on the north side chair lift and rope tow.

They spent some time getting to the heights and just as they did, saw a figure careening by in a dirty pair of overalls, a pack on his back, an axe in hand, wrenches protruding from every pocket.

It was John, so the two searchers gave chase down "Devil's River Run."

According to Harvey, the flight down was the most hectic he has ever taken, with people scattering in every direction as they approached — still no sign of John who had zipped on by.

Finally, at the bottom of the run he was intercepted, unstrapping his "long laniers" from his boots. His boots were gum rubbers!

Last winter, says Harvey of his brother, he tried regular ski boots and placed first in the Dominion championships.

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Harvey Clifford, famed U. S. skier, will be too busy skiing to make more "Skiers' Crossword Puzzles." Any volunteers? (One appears in the next issue.)

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Male Skiers Sound Off on Gals

The American gal skier is a pretty good sport. This is the general opinion of most of the male skiers *SKI MAGAZINE* editors tackled with this question.

On the whole, say the fellows, she is willing to pay her own way, she doesn't expect special attentions and she is not a complainer.

Just the same, some do add, despite this outdoorsy build-up for the favorite girl friend she's still feminine, something all fellows ought to remember. It's still necessary once in a while to compliment her on her looks, even though her hair is falling over her eyes from a day on the slopes. It is also good policy to ask occasionally to carry her skis for her; according to the consensus, she'll usually insist on

carrying them anyway, but it's better to ask.

Good Skier

David Donnelly, Boston, Mass., said his girl friend is not only a good sport, but a good skier. "She also makes a lunch for us to take along skiing," he added. "She's useful as well as being a good sport."

Andrew Lawrence, Hanover, N. H., said his girl friend is just a beginning skier, but does not expect him to stay with her all day on the beginner's hill. "I think that's being a good sport," he maintained.

"Most of the girls I take skiing are pretty easy to get along with," Harvey Anderson, Seattle, told *SKI MAGAZINE*, "but they always want

to go home too early. They always want to start home an hour before the tow closes down."

Bob Crow, Los Angeles, told *SKI* that his girl friend is a good enough sport when it comes to skiing. "She doesn't complain if she falls, she doesn't mind waiting for me if I want to ski longer than she does. But she keeps telling me how to drive the car — 'dim your lights — turn them on again!' — otherwise, she's fine."

Bud Warren, Portland, Ore., wasn't so enthusiastic. "I hate taking girls with me on ski trips," he stated flatly. "You tell them to be ready at a certain time, and when you arrive they're still fussing around, and they fuss around for at least half an hour before they're ready. Then when they get out of the car they usually drop their mitts and someone has to go hunting for them. They drop a cigarette on the seat and scream and you have to stop the car and everyone gets out and hunts for the cigarette. They're a nuisance."

No Expense—

Hal Fletcher, also of Portland, was on the side of the gals. "They make the day more pleasant," he maintained. "Besides, the ones I know always insist on paying for their own meals, and that suits my pocketbook fine."

Alan Johnson, Quebec, summed up opinion. "They're all right. They're pretty. You can't do anything with them, and you can't do anything without them."

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Private Airport

The parking lot has been enlarged and a private airport constructed alongside for convenience of air-minded skiers, according to reports from Everett Kiercher, president of Boyne Mountain Lodge.

Snow Valley Ski Club at Gaylord, Mich., will have five electric tows serving nine slopes. Ogema Hills Ski area, located two miles from West Branch, Mich., will have four tows serving five trails and slopes, plus a number of fire trails that are 20 feet wide.

Frosty Bradley tells us that members of the Ski Club of Pontiac, Mich., have been busy on trails and slopes this fall with everything from rakes to bulldozers. Four tows serve four senior and two junior trails, plus a number of open slopes. There will be lighted skiing several nights a week.

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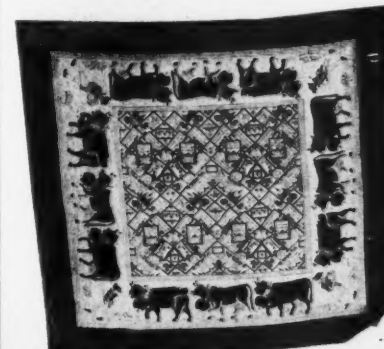
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Sepp's Dreams Spelled Success For Mansfield

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Roland Palmedo, J. N. Cooke, Lowell Thomas and others built a chair lift. Feeling that this move made a new Toll House imperative, Sepp persuaded the Mt. Mansfield Hotel Company to hire Ted Hunter, U. S. Olympic star and architect, to draw up the plans. The project went through, costing \$25,000.

Teaches Flying

In November 1942 Sepp entered the Civilian Pilot Training program, leaving his wife, Hermine, to run the Toll House with the aid of Helen "Maxie" Murray. An expert on smooth landings on snow, Sepp taught smooth landings to the Airforce flight cadets. Finishing his work for the Army in 1944, he went to work for Bell Aircraft for a short time.

While Sepp was away from the snow trails, a New York businessman and skier, C. V. Starr, came with his wife, Mary, to stay at George Morrell's Lodge. The Starrs introduced some of their friends to Mt. Mansfield. That was the winter of 1943-44. Finding Stowe much to their liking the Starrs returned for the greater part of the next season, again bringing many of their friends with them.

The need for more lifts on Mansfield became apparent as long waiting lines developed on the chair lift, and Starr and his associates supplied the business judgment and backing to form the Smuggler's Notch Lift Corporation. The need for this project was amply demonstrated by the fact that the chair lift did its greatest volume of business during the first season that the adjacent Smuggler's Notch T-bar lift was in operation.

Dreams Come True

Sepp's dreams were fast becoming realities. With the help of Starr and his ski friends, a new lift had been built and the slopes of Mt. Mansfield had been honeycombed with trails.

But the Old Man of Mansfield was still missing a couple of important limbs. If only there could be a cooperative movement, Sepp thought. Using diplomacy and sound business sense, Sepp is bringing about the merger of all the principal interests in the area.

A new Mt. Mansfield Hotel Company was formed which bought 90% of the chairlift shares, took over

control of the Smuggler's Notch Lift Company and the old Hotel Company, and bought 3,500 acres of adjacent land, including three peaks. Pending is the incorporation of the ski school in this new Mt. Mansfield Hotel Company.

At the head of this mammoth is — well, who would it be but Sepp Ruschp? But he still isn't happy. He has spent the summer developing a slope on the newly-acquired Spruce Peak. The new slope is as green and as smooth as a billiard table, but slightly less horizontal.

Sepp Still Plans

Sepp has spent a good part of his life planning, and making his plans become realities. And he isn't going to stop now. When you speak of the future, Sepp's eyes bulge a little. He visualizes additional lifts, a lake, and perhaps even a golf course.

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PEOPLE

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When asked to participate on the Canadian team for Aspen, *Rhoda Wurtele Eaves* declined, explaining, "You see, there's going to be a little skier at our house some time in March."



Rhoda — or is it Rhona?

Twin sister, *Rhona Wurtele Gillis*, will be racing for the U. S.

Bill Brown, Jr., racing coach for three years for the Payette Lakes Ski Club, in Idaho, has re-entered the Army and is stationed at Fort Ord, Calif.

Mack Miller, 1949 Junior National Champion, has entered Western State College, Gunnison, Colo., and is training for the freshman ski team.

Oregon Winter Sports Association has elected *Roy Jackson* new president. Jackson, radio and recording singer and composer of Western songs, organized for the Portland Junior Chamber of Commerce a series of free ski schools which in the past three years have trained thousands of beginning skiers.

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Red Long-Johns Keep Skiers In Black

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night as long as we had our own sleeping bags. The restaurant prices were less dangerous than we'd been led to believe, and our folding money was holding out, so we were able to take lessons for three days at twelve dollars.

The following morning we crawled into our 85-horsepower prairie schooner, and by stopping only for gas we reached Alta, Utah, the following morning.

Alta was jumping with skiers and officials who had come for the races and so . . . no accommodations for us. Not even *under* a bed.

We took off for Sun Valley, the last leg of our trip, and arrived the following morning bleary-eyed and badly in need of a sharp razor. We must have been sorry-looking sights indeed, for when Fred Picard saw us he suggested accommodations in a small town some fifty miles away. However, we were fortunate and acquired a room for four in the skiers' chalet for six bucks a day including food. We had more money left than we had expected so we were high rollers from the big city.

Free Spenders

We just threw our money around as if it were glue. We signed for the ski classes and fell three feet through the snow when they assigned us to Emile Allais' class. That guy must be three-quarters mountain goat. He didn't need ski trails any more than we needed polo mallets. He blazed his own trails and made it look as easy as mixing rum and Pepsi-Cola. (My father has Pepsi-Cola stock.) And Allais is a tough teacher; you either keep up or get bounced back to the plain expert class.

After a wonderful day of aching muscles we beered-up at the Ram for twenty cents a stein. Boy, were we big spenders! Many steins later we dragged our muscles — those we had left — over to the Challenger Inn pool.

Bernie and I had once done a comedy diving act with one of the numerous aquacades. Using our red long-johns and old night shirts we went through our rusty routines with our rusty muscles. Although our timing was off, we were well-oiled and everything was very funny — to me, at least.

After our performance the four of us were invited to a cocktail party at the Redwood Room. Maybe it was the red long-johns we wore that did it. The people who'd seen us perform apparently had never seen a good water show, for they made us feel like a couple of Palace headliners.

Lonely Dog

If it hadn't been for Digman's dog being alone in New York we would probably still be out West.

The entire trip, which included five days at Aspen, one day at Alta and six days in Sun Valley, all with lessons, came to one hundred and forty dollars each. This included all expenses for the car too.

The cost for liquid refreshments is not included because there are many ski fans who claim it is not a necessary item. Actually I've never known any, but I've heard tell.

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Delegates to the Pacific Northwestern Ski Association convention at Mount Spokane, Wash., attended their recent two-day session with the feeling that 1949-50 was going to be the biggest season yet for organized skiing in the Northwest. With this in mind they approved programs for an all-around promotion of the sport. Recreational skiing and revision in competitor classification were discussed.

The J. Stanley Mullin amendment for national standardization in classification procedure was passed for approval at the national convention at Sun Valley in May. As the system is patterned after the PNSA's own classification system, delegates approved it wholeheartedly after a few minor changes.

Emphasis in the past at the PNSA sessions has been upon the competitive skiers. In line with the balanced program, recreational skiing has been given a boost by divisional sanction of tours sponsored by member clubs. These tours will be sanctioned by the association in the same manner as competitive tournament and will be open to skiers in any club of the association. A system of classifying tourers, with recognition given to skiers participating in longer trips, was also presented by the recreational skiing committee.

Nickel-A-Day

Baker Ferguson, who finished his term as president, guided the session. Delegates approved his appointment as executive secretary of the association. Ferguson's first big job will be to institute the Nickel-a-Day financial plan approved by the convention.

Election of officers for the ensuing year placed Johnny Litchfield, Sun Valley ski school head, as president; Helge Sather and Barney MacNab, vice presidents; George Priestly, treasurer; and the following members-at-large: Gretchen Fraser, Nap Rooque, George Korn, and George Henderson.

Book Larnin'

Although nominated to represent Canada at the FIS meet at Aspen this coming February, Lucille Wheeler does not think she will be able to go. Reason, she is busy with book learning at St. Mary's-in-the-Mountains, Littleton, N. H.



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AT TOP STORES

Cover Artist Don Moss Tempts Dry Editors

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It was a very hot day and everyone was very sorry that the bottle, which looked so real, wasn't.

Don attended Vesper George School of Art in Boston. After four years with the Marines in the Pacific he took a refresher course at Pratt Institute studying advertising design. On June 25, 1949, he married his favorite extra curricular activity, Virginia Lee Hardesty.

Don has worked on such national accounts as Colliers' magazine, Lederle Laboratories and Hiram Walker liquors.

Mrs. Moss is a packaging designer and Don's severest critic.

In their off hours the couple like to browse around looking for antique furniture for their Mount Vernon apartment. Their future goal: a home in Connecticut with tennis and skiing accessible.

Don is a native of Melrose, Mass. — his wife of White Plains, N. Y.

Israel FIS Team

For the first time in history, the State of Israel will enter the FIS world championships. Dr. Moshe Harnik, chairman of the Israel Ski Association, announced plans to send two women skiers, Sonja Harnik and Alisa Schneider, and one man, Kurt Patrias. Patrias is downhill and slalom champion of Israel and Lebanon.

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PAULA GETS A COMPLIMENT

Paul Valär Is Interviewed By Fiancée Paula Kann

Paul Valär, sensational Swiss skier, will head the New Hampshire ski schools at Franconia and Mittersill Club this year. Paul is outstanding both as a ski instructor and as a racer. Last year he was downhill and slalom coach of the Swiss men's



Paul Valär smiles . . .

team and chief instructor of the ski school at Davos.

Besides being a member of the Swiss national team for six years, tall, congenial Paul Valär was a member of the 1948 Swiss Olympic team.

Paul served as a sergeant in the Swiss mountain troops for four years, and became a certified mountain guide in 1945.

With a list of accomplishments like that, SKI MAGAZINE felt that its readers would like to know more about the future head of the Franconia Ski School. Being logically-minded, and also having sinister Machiavellian streaks, the editors turned to Paula Kann for information. Paula announced her engagement to Paul this fall. Who could get a better personality sketch than the fiancée?

Questions Sent

The editors of SKI MAGAZINE sent Paula a set of questions to ask Paul. No reporter has ever had a tougher assignment. Paula had to ask her future husband such questions as,

"How did Paul meet Paula?"; "Why did Paul leave Switzerland for the U. S. A.?"; "Will Paul be worried about Paula when she races in the FIS championships at Aspen this February?"

Paula, good sport that she is, threw discretion to the winds and confronted her fiancé with SKI MAGAZINE's fiendish questions.

Finally, word came from Paula saying that all had gone well. She gave us the results of the interview.

"First, I wondered whether there was a way out of this little bear trap. Then I came to the conclusion that the only way to handle the matter was to approach him directly — no faked phone calls, no sending someone else in my place. I would just come down the stairs and ask him in a sisterly way . . . and he would be so nice and say all the things I wanted him to say.

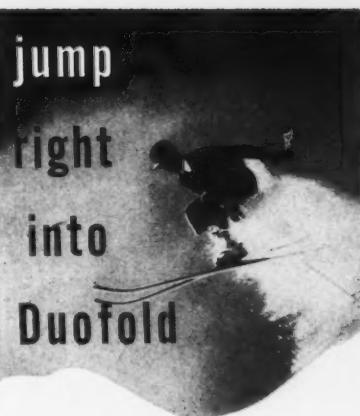
"I cooed my first question in a lovely smooth voice, asking Paul



. . . Paula Kann rewarded

why he had come over here. There was something of a pause, and then he said he had enjoyed his first trip to the States so much that he decided then and there that he'd be back some day. He didn't even mention me as a

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asked him how he had happened to meet me.

“Paul either thought I was just being coy or else that I was ready for the psychopathic ward. He put me right back in my place. He told me it was a silly question, and that I knew as well as he did how we had met. He then proceeded to recall with devastating accuracy how he had first met me after I had skied right into a rock pile at Aspen, Colorado before his very eyes. He told me that he was *almost* worried that I had hurt myself. *Almost*, indeed! The boy has more nerve than I had ever imagined.

"At this point I was pretty furious with SKI MAGAZINE for getting me to ask all these questions. They were causing me severe humiliation.

"I decided to brave one more, and asked him, in a voice that made it quite obvious what answer I expected, whether he would be worried about my racing in the world championships at Aspen in February. He became sarcastic this time, and asked me whether I was worried about all the little aspen trees. He added that of course he wasn't worried, and that he was far more concerned about what I did in my after-ski hours than when I was racing.

"What a back-handed way that guy has of making a compliment! But it is a lovely one. Thanks, SKI MAGAZINE, for finally thinking up the right question."

The editors think you did a terrific job, Paula. Skiers in Paul Valär's Franconia Ski School will realize

The Belleayre Mountain Ski Club was awarded the 1950 New York State Downhill, slalom and Combined Championships by the 28th annual convention of the United States Eastern Amateur Ski Association which was held last weekend at Lake Placid. This is the first time New York State has ever attempted to hold such a combined championship. These championship races will be held at the new State ski center in the Catskills Sunday, February 19, on one of the newly constructed trails of the Belleayre Mountain Ski Center.

There will be two races, a downhill race and a slalom race, each open to men and women members of the U.S.E.A.S.A. who hold an A, B or C racing card. The person with the highest point score for the two events will be the combined champion.

Gordon Kent, who represented the youthful ski club at Lake Placid, announced that not for eight years have the Catskills had the honor of holding a championship meet.

The 1949 downhill championship will be held December 30 on Whiteface Mountain.

that they needn't expect extravagant praise or empty compliments from Paul. Fiancée Paula found that out. His sign of approval for a good turn is his infectious smile. Paula thinks this should be reward enough. Of course, she could be prejudiced.

Réal Charette, Snow Eagle ski school director, has been hard at work improving slopes at Gray Rocks Inn near Mont Tremblant. Swinging axes and rolling boulders with him are two of his instructors, *Pete Van Wagner* and *Doug Pfeiffer*.

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Fink said the area, the money for which was voted by the Massachusetts legislature, will be completed by Christmas.

Blue Hills area will have two trails, one of which will be lit at night. Hannes Schneider is acting as consultant in the cutting of these trails.

Fink stressed that the Blue Hills area is being developed not to compete with northern resorts, but to supplement them. The area is designed to give Bostonians a chance to ski on their days off, when they don't have time to go north, Fink said.

Eastern Canada

Mont Gabriel, well-known Canadian ski area in the Laurentians, near Piedmont, is the base of operations for the Westmount Ski Club, founded in 1948 in an effort to provide entertainment for the young and old of Westmount. Scott's Slip, the famous slalom hill on Mont Gabriel, now has a cutoff designed to make it navigable to less-than-expert skiers.

A new ski hill has been developed 22 miles from St. John, New Brunswick. A club house has been built, one tow has been installed, and another is on the way. The area should do much to develop eastern Canadian skiing.

Mansfield's Midrift

Mt. Mansfield area has been a hive of activity all summer. Chair lift capacity has been increased 20% to carry 720 skiers per hour. A new area on Spruce Peak is nearing completion. This area will consist of a 30-acre open slope with a 400-foot vertical drop, rope tow and warming hut. A large parking area is at the foot of this slope. A midway station has been built on the chairlift, and several new trails from it are planned. The new station will make skiing possible in late fall and early spring when the lower parts of the trails are usually bare.

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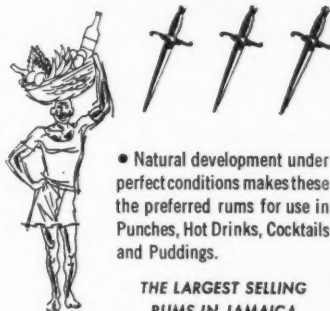
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